(b) Under the 8th Five Year Plan, the Deptt. has installed and commissioned 40 computer-based counter machines in 12 post offices in Orissa, to provide efficient counter services.

(c) Till date, 1779 computer-based counter machines have been installed and commissioned in 659 post offices in the other States.

(d) During the current year, 1995-96, 45 more such machines are proposed to be installed and commissioned in 24 post offices in Orissa. Among them two major post offices namely Bhubaneshwar GPO and Cuttack GPO with Local Area Network (LAN), will provide computerised Savings Bank service also.

Clearance of Hydel Projects For Kerala

174. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Hydel Projects of the State of Kerala are pending for clearance with the Ministry of Environment and Forests;

(b) if so, whether it includes the Poiniguti Hydel Project also; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to clear these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No sir.

(b) and (c) There is no project under the name of Poiniguti Hydel Project received by this Ministry. However there is one project under the name of Pooyamkutty Hydro Electric Project, which was cleared from environmental angle in June, 1985. But it was formally rejected under the forest conservation act 1980; in January, 1991. The State Government have represented for its reconsideration which is under examination.

Licences to the Highest Bidder in Telecom Services

175. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the policy of auctioning the Licences to the highest bidder will go against the national Telecom Policy promise to provide not only Universal Telecom services but also affordable one; and

(b) whether there is increasing apprehension that private operators of both basic and value added will be forced to raise tariffs as they have to pay heavy licence fees and also meet their tax obligations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No Sir,

(b) In the case of Basic Telephone services, the tender condition specifies that the private operator cannot charge tariff more than that Department of Telecom. In the case of Value added services also the Department of Telecom has fixed the ceiling tariff and the licencees can only charge equal to or less than the ceiling tariff.

Wait Listed Applications for Telephone Connections in Delhi

176. SHRI GOVIND RAM MIRI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the exchage-wise details of wait listed applications for grant of telephone connections under different categories in Delhi as on date; and

(b) by when it will be possible to instal telephones on demand in Delhi and other metropolitan cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The exchange-wise details of wait listed applicants for grant of telephone connections under different categories in Delhi as on 1.2.96 is given in the enclosed statement. (*see* below)

(b) National Telecom Policy 1994 envisages provision of telephone connections on demand by 1997 all over the country including Delhi and other metropolitan cities. Expansion plans are being drawn accordingly.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of Exchange	Waiting list as on 01.02.1996		
	CENTRAL	OYT	Special	General
	DELHI			
1.	Janpath	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.	Jorbagh	Nil	Nil	587
3.	Kidwai Bhavan	Nil	Nil	Nil
4.	Rajpath	Nil	Nil	Nil
5.	Sena Bhavan	Nil	Nil	750
	C G O Complex	Nil	Nil	10
	EAST			
1.	Delhi Gate	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.	Idgah	Nil	Nil	Nil
3.	Tis Hazari	Nil	Nil	Nil
4.	Minto Road	Nil	Nil	34
5.	Lothian Road	Nil	Nil	Nil
	TRANS YAMUNA			
1.	Laxmi Nagar	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.	Yamuna Vihar	Nil	Nil	Nil
3.	Shahadara	Nil	Nil	Nil
4.	Mayur Vihar	Nil	Nil	Nil
5.	Mayur Vihar (Phase-II)	Nil	Nil	Nil
6.	Kar Kar Duma	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SOUTH-I			
1.	Chanaky Puri	Nil	Nil	241
2.	Hauz Khas	Nil	Nil	657
3.	Vasant Kunj	Nil	Nil	Nil
4.	Chhattarpur	Nil	Nil	846
5.	Bhikaji Cama Place	Nil	Nil	227
	SOUTH-II			
1.	Nehru Place	Nil	Nil	12922
2.	Okhla	Nil	Nil	Nil
3.	Tekhand	Nil	Nil	Nil
4.	Tuglakhabad	Nil	Nil	Nil
5.	Sarita Vihar	Nil	Nil	Nil

Sl. No.	Name of Exchange	Waiting list as on 01.02.1996		
	CENTRAL	OYT	Special	General
	NORTH			
1.	Alipur	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.	Badli	Nil	Nil	252
3.	Shakti Nagar	Nil	Nil	Nil
4.	Narela	Nil	Nil	Nil
5.	Keshav Puram	Nil	Nil	Nil
6.	Rohini South	Nil	Nil	227
7.	Rohini North	Nil	Nil	280
8.	Delhi University	Nil	Nil	Nil
9.	Mukherjee Nagar	Nil	Nil	20
	WEST-I			
1.	Janak Puri	Nil	Nil	1440
2.	Delhi Cantt	Nil	Nil	Nil
3.	Karol Bagh	Nil	Nil	Nil
4.	Najafgarh	Nil	Nil	Nil
5.	Shadi Pur	Nil	Nil	Nil
6.	Palam	Nil	Nil	Nil
7.	IGI Airport	Nil	Nil	Nil
8.	Samalkha	Nil	Nil	Nil
	WEST-II			
1.	Nangloi	Nil	Nil	171
2.	Rajouri Garden	Nil	Nil	Nil
3.	Paschim Vihar	Nil	Nil	Nil
4.	Hari Nagar	Nil	Nil	Nil

Preparations of Blue Print for Improvement of Transport Sectors

177. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the World Bank has prepared a Blue Print for the improvement of the transport sector in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (c) The final version of draft report has since been received and it is under examination of the Government.

Donations Received by Public and Private Institutions

178. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of assistance and donations received by the public and private institutions during the year 1994-95 from foreign countries;